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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Congress adjourned sine die at four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

F. D. Owens has defeated W. L. Welcker for Attorney General by 2,076 majority.

For the State of Tennessee the Democratic Supreme Judges were elected by from 30,000 to 40,000 majority.

The Republicans of East Tennessee have elected their entire Judicial ticket with the exception of Jesse Gaut for Chancellor in the Chattanooga district by large majorities.

In Belfast, Ireland, during the past week, there have occurred some of the most disgraceful riots ever recorded. Some forty people have been killed and about two hundred wounded. The police were powerless and a large number of troops have been sent down to quell the disturbances.

From all accounts it seems certain that both the Protestants and the Catholics have been to blame and the police are, as usual, censured for doing their duty. At this writing quiet has been restored, but next Sunday is the Catholic celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, and it is feared that the riots will be renewed. Should this happen, it is to be hoped that the authorities will be prepared, and will teach the rioters, both Protestant and Catholic, such a lesson as will cause them, in the future, to count the cost before attempting to establish a reign of anarchy and terror.

These riots are a very fair sample of what would result, if Ireland were granted Home Rule, and the Government troops and the constabulary permanently removed.

The Aster is a very valuable addition to the garden, chiefly on account of its flowering late in the autumn, when so many of the favorites have done blooming for the season. It has a very pleasing effect either in groups, or an entire bed composed of the different varieties, so arranged as to be one mass of beautiful flowers from August until November, and in some cases may be kept in bloom until nearly Christmas. There are many varieties and many shades of color from dark red to white; as well as some variegated ones which are perhaps the most beautiful.

The perennial Aster consists of numerous species, all of which flower late in the autumn. There are seven species in common culture which bloom in August, six which continue in bloom from the first of November till Christmas. The propagation and culture of all these species are of the very easiest kind, and they will grow in almost any soil.

The China Aster is a well known annual which has lately had an accession of some beautiful new varieties from Germany. These have quail flowers, striped and of la-

## THE WEATHER.

REPORT OF TEMPERATURE FOR RUGBY, TENN.

Date.	6.30 A. M. Dry	M. Wet	1. P. M. Dry	P. M. Wet	6.30 P. M. Dry	P. M. Wet	Max. Temp.	Min. Temp.	Average.
Aug. 6	63	83	80	70	65	64	82	64	65.5
" 7	63	82	75	68	72	67	80	62	69.2
" 8	68	88	82	70	75	69	89	56	69.5
" 9	59	58	82	70	77	69	90	77	75.7
" 10	59	58	84	73	79	70	92	68	70
" 11	62	62	86	73	79	73	92	62	73.8
" 12	66	65	90	79	72	71	91	65	73.5

Rainfall (inches). 6th .34 12th .47 Total .81.  
Average Temperature [taken from four readings daily]. 71.  
C. O'NDERDONK (Observer).

gersize than the common china aster and they richly deserve a place in every garden. They should be sown the first week in April in order to get the plants strong and forward, either in pots or seed pans, keeping the soils distinct, the pots may then be placed in a cold frame until the plants come up. When they are of the proper size they may be transplanted into the beds or borders where they are to flower, like the common variety. A few of the finest and most distinct varieties of the German China Aster are deep red, deep red striped, pale red, pale red tipped with white, dark blue, dark blue striped, pale blue, pale blue striped, yellow tinged, white, silver white, flesh colored, ash-grey, etc.

W. F. J.

The Democratic Gubernatorial Convention for the State of Tennessee met in the Hall of the House of Representatives at Nashville Wednesday August 11. The Convention was called to order at 12 o'clock by Hon. J. A. Trousdale, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee. H. P. Fowlkes, of Williamson, was elected temporary chairman and H. G. Lynn, of Shelby, and Neil S. Brown, of Davidson, as Secretaries. The Convention proceeded to permanent organization. Hon. Charles B. Simonton, of Tipton, was made Chairman, Neil S. Brown, of Davidson, Secretary, with Flournoy Rivers, of Giles, and James S. Hutson, of Bedford, as assistants. The following names were put in nomination: Gen. G. G. Dibrell, Robert F. Looney, T. M. McConnell, and Robert L. Taylor. The first ballot taken resulted as follows: Taylor, 611½; Dibrell 338½; Looney, 203½; McConnell, 138½ necessary to a choice 892.

The balloting did not vary much from that on until the 15th ballot when Taylor received the necessary number of votes and was declared the nominee of the Convention.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company of New York has recently been organized for the purpose of establishing direct telephonic communication between the large cities of the country. The first line has been constructed between New York and Philadelphia, the length of the route adopted being about 100 miles. Four years ago a similar attempt was made to connect New York and Boston, but the iron wire strung between the two cities did not prove successful. The present company has employed hard drawn copper wires, and now has seventy-four of them running the whole distance. The line is entirely aerial, except where waters of some width are crossed, in which case submarine cables are employed. Between the two cities there are six series of cables, the longest stretches being under the Hudson and Delaware rivers. The cables terminate at the foot of Vesey Street, in New York, and near the foot of Walnut St., in Philadelphia. The line will probably be open for business within a few weeks and it is expected it will prove a great convenience. — Monroe Democrat.

## GRAPE CULTURE SIMPLIFIED.

Grapes do not require deep cultivation, as the roots are found comparatively shallow when allowed to select their own course. However, in an extremely drouthy country like some sections of the South and West, it may be advantageous to select a place where the soil is several feet deep and possessing plant food, to set vines unusually deep, that the plant may be able to withstand and mature fruit even in long dry periods. But in poor or even medium soils, such labor would be

useless, if not injurious, as the plant would not grow until it had sent out other roots near the surface, which it is sure to do even in the rich soil. A thrifty vine will make a growth of several feet the first year if properly cared for, and it is good cultivation and care that gives a vigorous plant.

A crop of vegetables may be grown among the vines, such as bunch beans, onions, and others that require an abundance of well rotted manure and do not shade the ground to a very great extent. No weeds or grass should be allowed any quarters among the vines, as they take from the soil that which the plants should have.

A stake or piece of lath by each vine will be sufficient for the training of the vine for the first year, and the stake is best set at time of planting the vine, and if afterward, it will be necessary to trim the end to be driven to a very fine point to avoid cutting any roots. The vine should be tied at a little distance from the stake in about three places, with strips of cloth or some soft substance that will not bruise the tender plant. At pruning time, cut at the point of cross line, leaving two or three buds, not more than two of which should be allowed to grow, the other being nibbed off after the others start.

These two buds should be left on opposite sides, so as to train them in opposite directions on the trellis the following season. When pruning, leave two buds on top of each arm, and allow all to grow and train them to second wire, and from these four branches may be expected the first paying crop of fruit. Again cut above second wire, and leave two buds to each of the four branches. Of those on the outside train one to the second wire, and the other to top wire, in a slanting position, so as to give room for the two middle branches, which must be trained almost perpendicular, until they reach the top wire.

Another plan of training to trellis possesses several points of merit. Instead of two branches, only one is allowed to grow along the first wire, and at pruning time, from four to six healthy buds should be left at near equal distances on top of side of vine. These must each be allowed to send out shoots, which are to be trained to the second wire, and the first one should be allowed to reach the top wire without any pruning, and bear its first crop of fruit on the top wire, while the others bear theirs on the second or middle wire. However, the number of wires, and their distances apart, can best be determined by the vigor of the variety of vines set. But there are other matters also to be considered, such as high winds and a disposition on the part of the fruit to rot. Here in this part of Texas they do not rot, but we have a great deal of wind, so it is found best to not make the trellis too high, as it is much more apt to damage by wind, while our own citizens two hundred miles south or east have no fear of the winds, but a horrid dread of mildew or rot, which can measurably be avoided by high trellis and close summer pruning to admit of free circulation of air. This plan also gives two other advantages—first, most of the strong winds in summer are from one course, and by building and training vines with the course of the wind much damage can be averted; second, if this plan is adopted a team can pass much closer, going in the direction the vine is trained, without in-

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jury to the young shoots, the team returning in the center.

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The posts should not be more than sixteen feet apart, and of the most durable timber, and wires sag between a brace made of lathing, and end set on a flat rock or brick, will make it answer every purpose where post timber is scarce.

I prefer barbed wire, as it saves much time in tying vines to wire, and they hold better than they can be made to hold on smooth wire.

## A LITTLE EXPERIENCE.

Last winter some of my vines were pruned quite closely, others were not. In March we had an unusually hard and late freeze. My vines had grown from one to six inches, and all developing fruit. All were killed. Those that were closely pruned had started every bud, but those that were not had started about half. Some of the former have died back to the ground. All of the latter have an abundance of fruit, produced from the buds that were undeveloped at time of the freeze. This is my second experience of this kind, from which a valuable lesson may be learned by those suffering from late frosts. —S. L. Barker in Home and Farm.

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